

education in the 1970s, continuing her career as a teacher at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. During her decade of service at Berkshire, she served as a member of the faculty, coordinator of the recreational leadership program, coordinator of student activities, and director of personnel services. Her gifts for university leadership took her to new heights in 1990 when she was named tenured professor and Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at SUNY Oneonta. Soon afterward, Dr. Jones became president of College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah, before being named President of Three Rivers Community College in 2001.

As President, Dr. Jones balanced her extensive administrative duties with a commitment to remaining visible to her students across campus. A key initiative for Dr. Jones was designing open spaces on campus for students to congregate. She was instrumental in securing funding and overseeing the construction and renovation for the college's new campus. Dr. Jones has also sought to contribute to the region's workforce by continuing to administer professional programs, including those for nursing, manufacturing technology, and hospital management. This ground breaking work—tying Three Rivers curricula to the region's workforce needs—is a model that has been embraced in Washington, D.C. and all across the country as a solution to filling the "skills gap" that has hindered economic growth. Under Dr. Jones's presidency, enrollment at the college has grown to 5,150 full and part-time students and an additional 2,000 non-credit enrollees.

A distinguished member of the educational community, Dr. Jones has been recognized by numerous outlets for her extensive achievements. In 2009, she received the Palmer Davies award from the United Community and Family Services of Connecticut, honoring her commitment to fostering an environment of community spirit and understanding. During that year, Dr. Jones was also recognized by the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP. In 2012, Dr. Jones was named 62nd Citizen of the Year by the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Grace Jones's contributions as an educator, administrator, and community leader have encouraged generations of students to attain high levels of achievement and contribute to their communities and the economy in a positive way. Across the United States and here in eastern Connecticut, countless students have benefited from Grace's hard work and dedication to her craft. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Dr. Grace Jones.

THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CAREER DAY OF THE PONTIAC ROTARY CLUB

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as a former Rotarian, I rise today to recognize the Pontiac Rotary Club as it hosts its twenty-sixth annual Career Day for youth in Pontiac, Michigan.

Founded in 1922, the Pontiac Rotary Club has been serving the residents of the Greater

Pontiac community for over nine decades. The core of its mission over the last ninety years has been to undertake endeavors that nurture and support the development of youth in the Pontiac community. In fulfillment of its mission, the Club has engaged a broad array of community stakeholders in public, private and non-profit organizations to create programs that provide youth with experiences that empower them to control their future.

One of Pontiac Rotary Club's biggest annual programs, Career Day, provides middle school students in Pontiac a hands on opportunity to learn more about the career fields that pique their interests. This year, as part of Career Day, one-hundred students will have spent the morning of Thursday, May 2, shadowing professionals in their daily work routine. This experience provides the youth of Pontiac an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge that will shape their development into active adult members of their community.

Furthermore, on the same day as Career Day, the Pontiac Rotary will host its annual Scholarship Luncheon for high school students. During this luncheon, several high school students will have been recognized for their outstanding achievements and awarded a scholarship that will help them in their journey to seek higher education.

The programs of Career Day are just a couple of examples of the types of programming provided by the Pontiac Rotary Club. In addition, to Career Day and the Scholarship Luncheon, the Club runs a Student of the Month program for students in Pontiac schools which recognizes youth for outstanding achievements.

With an eye in their community and beyond, the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club have also supported the Rotary International's program to cure Polio around the world and taken up initiatives that support clean water projects. Recently, the Pontiac Rotary has partnered with a sister club in Ecuador to implement a bio-sand water filter project that will provide cleaner water to that region.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club on occasion of its twenty-sixth annual Career Day and applaud the tremendous impact their work has had both in the Greater Pontiac community and in other communities around the world.

**RITA SCHNIDT**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rita Schnidt for being honored by the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for her decades of outstanding service to our community.

Rita is a long time resident of Jefferson County and is a tireless and energetic volunteer for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. She is a former Jefferson Center Board member and chair of the Jefferson Mental Health Foundation. Her other accomplishments are numerous. Jeanne Oliver states "Combining her political savvy with her commitment to grass roots-level change, Rita remains a staunch advocate for battered women, low-income housing, those struggling

with mental illness and alcoholism, and others who don't have any other voice." Her friends describe her as "a force of nature", "the lady who knows how to get things done", "a dynamo of action!" and "always there when people need her."

I am honored to congratulate Rita Schnidt on receiving this well deserved recognition from the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same passion, dedication and character in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR DONIA—  
LOUIS P. MATTUCCI MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Taylor Donia, the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship. Over the past 37 years, the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Taylor are able to make higher education possible.

Taylor's father, Joseph Donia, is a truck driver for American B & D. I greatly admire Taylor's hard work at Seneca High School. With her work ethic, I am sure Taylor will achieve her dream of one day becoming a Physician's Assistant.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Taylor Donia and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship.

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS RECEIVING THE HONORABLE PARK GEUN HYE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 7, 2013*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, Congressman ISRAEL and I asked Speaker BOEHNER to invite President Park Geun Hye ("Gun Hay"), South Korea's first female president, to address a Joint Session of Congress.

Tomorrow, we officially welcome her here in this Chamber.

Her visit is important to both of our nations, but also to my district in Texas where a vibrant and engaged Korean American community lives in Spring Branch and Houston.

In stark contrast to its neighbor to the North led by media-hungry dictator, Junior,—South Korea shines as a beacon democracy and freedom.

S. Korea is also an important trading partner—America's 7th largest—and with the implementation of our Free Trade Agreement, our trade relations will only get better.